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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Gay Pride Week has come and gone for another year, and yet... And yet a sense of community still goes on.

If you missed the events of the week of June 15th thru June 23rd, let me recap them for you. Coronation of the new Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado occured on Saturday the 15th at the Clarion Hotel. The Network(PSN) held their annual picnic in Palmer Park on Sunday the 16th. Various meetings were held throughout the week culminating in the Center sponsored Block Party on the 22nd followed by the parade in Denver on the 23rd. And, finally, the Denver Gay Men's Chorus performed at the Little Theater in the City Auditorium on the 29th to cap off a busy, sometime exhausting, but wonderful and filled time for everyone who participated!

Center President Joe Brady stated that he believed "the Block Party will become an annual event." "There was so much hard work done by so many people for both this event and the others that I'm sure that I'll forget someone if I try to thank them all, but here goes." "My thanks and that of the Board of Directors of the Center goes to Allan, Rod, Marlene and Tim and the Helpline Volunteers who planned, coordinated the Block Party and brought it off without a hitch." "To Echo Print and the Source for the publicity and printing." "To Dan Craig for providing the sound system at the Block Party and also arranging for the Denver Gay Men's Chorus performance." "To the various groups and businesses who participated in the Block Party." "To the Network for donating their profits from the raffle of a VCR to the Pride Week Planning Committee." "To the performers Annie & Mr. B, and Vicki and her band for the entertainment, and to the new Empress Kelley for also performing at the Block Party." "To Maranatha MCC for cleaning up the parking area in front of the Center office and the Annex in preparation for the Party." "I'm sure I've forgotten someone or group, but needless to say you all are included in my thanks."

The Center float won the "best out of town" trophy at the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 23rd. The Pikes Peak Region(Colo. Spgs. & Pueblo) also won a trophy for having the largest marching group in the Parade! An estimated 150 people turned out from our area to march. The July issue of the Source has an excellent photo layout of all the events.

Now, let's start planning next year's activities!!

"Happiness like sunshine is not to hold--
Our scattered deeds of love bring bliss untold."

Loreta Inman

UNITED WAY AND LOCAL TV STATIONS SAY "NYET"

In mid-June the Community Center received a letter of denial from the Pikes Peak United Way. The Center had submitted an application for funding in the amount of $6500.00 in January. In April the Center President, Helpline Coordinator, and Board Secretary/Treasurer met with representatives of United Way to answer questions about the application. However, the United Way Board of Directors saw fit to deny the application. Four concerns were listed in the denial. Two of the concerns could be corrected by Center Board action, and, indeed one will be done so this year. The remaining two seem to penalize all volunteer organizations for not being able to employ "professional staff" members because of lack of funds. And lastly,"the agency must provide a needed health or human service program(s) of a type appropriate for public support through the United Way."
So it appears that gay organizations will never have a great deal of public support, and on this guideline alone we could be denied United Way funds ad infinitum.
In a related happening, Center President Joe had contacted all three local television stations about airing some professionally prepared TV spots provided to the Center by the Fund for Human Dignity. All three stations turned them down. Seems as if anything positive about gays isn't worth airing.
The Center will now try to buy time for a 30 second spot.

Editorially speaking, if you give to United Way or advertise on our local TV stations, you might want to consider lowering your donation by about 10% this next year(Kinsey reports that at least 10% of the population is gay), and/or advertising in another media. Just a suggestion. However, the Center can use your support in these matters. We urge you to not only become a member of the Center, but to write letters of regret to the United Way concerning the funding denial. We hope to have a list of the Board of Directors of the United Way shortly and will publish their names so that you might contact them directly.

Your help is needed, NOW.

"If we're going to get young blood on the board, we may have to consider the possibility of earrings on men and neckties on women."

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

Sorry! I couldn't resist that cartoon. But, seriously... September isn't far off and the Center's Annual Meeting will be held the latter part of that month. BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED.
Can you give from 1 to 2 hours per week, plus attendance at a monthly Board meeting to YOUR Community Center? If so, please send your name along with a brief biographical sketch to the Center's Board Secretary/Treasurer(PPGCC, P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs., CO 80901) by no later than Aug. 31st. Also specify which office you wish to fill... President; Vice-President; Sec./Treasurer; Newsletter Editor;

Helpline Coordinator; Speakers Bureau Coordinator. Term of office: 1 year. Election is by ballot of the general membership of the Center. To be eligible you must be either a student, individual or household member of the Center. WOMEN ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR OFFICE. We need some new thoughts and directions on the Board, so we need YOU.
Don't forget the Aug. 31st deadline. Help chart the course of the Center over the next year!

DID YOU KNOW?

that the following organizations and/or businesses are members of the Community Center? Metropolitan Community Church; Colorado Springs Dignity; the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado; Network (PSN); Maranatha; The Exit; Echo/The Source. As members of the Center, each of these organizations/businesses selects a representative to sit on the Center Board and participate in any decisions. If your gay organization or business would like to join the Center, PLEASE contact the Board Secretary/Treasurer for additional information at P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs., CO 80901.

WOMYN'S BOOKS

The following books may be checked out by Center members from the Penni Kimmel Memorial Library(Lambda Resource Center, 1809 DePaul).

1) "A Plain Brown Wrapper" by Rita Mae Brown
2) "Sappho: a new translation" by Mary Barnard
3) "The Lesbian Path" by Margaret Cruikshank
4) "Herland" by Charlotte Gilman
5) "Lesbian Nation: the Feminist Solution" by Jill Johnston
6) "Lesbian/Woman" by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
7) "Patience Sarah" by Isabel Miller
8) "Riverfinger Women" by Elana Nachman
9) "Lesbian Health Matters" by Mary O'Donnell & Val Leoffler
10) "Iris" by Janine Veto

Limit of 2 titles for a 1 month loan period.
Stop by today!

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Gay hotel sells out during opening

MIAMI BEACH — The world's largest oceanfront gay hotel opened to a sell-out crowd, officials of Miami Beach's Sea Gull Hotel said Monday.

"We had every available room rented during our first weekend in operation," said Sidney Kramer, owner of the Sea Gull.

"In addition to having a full house in our hotel rooms, we had nearly 10,000 people visit the hotel the first day," Kramer said.

Other measures of the hotel's success, Kramer said, were turnouts of 1,800 people for the watermelon pool party and 600 for a Sunday buffet.

The 145-room hotel is located right on the ocean adjacent to predominantly gay 21st Street Beach in central Miami Beach. The Sea Gull has a disco, three inside bars and a pool bar alongside a giant swimming pool.

Fannies is the hotel's food service operation. Elegant Fannies features fine food in a formal setting while Fannies Poolside features hamburgers, hot dogs and fresh fruits. Fannies is equipped to handle group meetings, banquets and private parties. Facilities for conventions of gay groups will be ready within a few weeks.

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Now is the time for all good gays and lesbians to come to the aid of their Community Center.

It's said that Cary Grant, elegant in a feathered peignoir, was the first person to use the word "gay" on screen in "Bringing Up Baby."

Where to write U.S. Congress

Kenneth (Ken) Kramer
U.S. Representative
5th Congressional District
114 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-4422

1520 N. Union Blvd.
Colorado Springs 80909

William L. Armstrong
U.S. Senator
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-5941

228 N. Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs 80903
634-6071

Gary Hart
U.S. Senator
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-5852

105 E. Vermijo
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WE ARE NOT ALONE!

Gays march in N.Y., San Francisco

Nearly a quarter of a million people celebrated gay pride in San Francisco on Sunday, while tens of thousands of homosexual men and women paraded along a painted lavender stripe down New York's Fifth Avenue.

About 100,000 people marched in San Francisco's 13th annual Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day celebration. Police estimated an additional 150,000 people turned out to offer support for the parade and to watch what has become one of the city's more colorful spectacles.

Men dressed as cheerleaders, sultans and nuns hoisted a huge, multicolored gay pride flag across from City Hall.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., waved a smaller gay pride flag from the speaker's platform after he became the first U.S. senator to address one of several homosexual freedom rallies that have become annual events in American cities.

"From our freedom, we produce diversity, and from our diversity, we gain strength to overcome our problems," Cranston said.

In New York, a banner proclaiming "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet" led the 16th annual Gay-Lesbian Pride Day Parade and behind it streamed a procession of bands, floats and some of the city's top political leaders, including Mayor Edward I. Koch.

The 15,000 to 20,000 marchers included groups carrying signs identifying themselves as college students, teachers, bankers, psychologists, lawyers, veterans, police officers and members of various religious denominations.

Koch said he participated because "I am the mayor of all of the people of the city of New York," adding that "we should not discrimina[te] on the basis of ... sexual orientation."

Koch reiterated his support for enacting a city gay rights bill, and said, "I'm going to do what I can to secure those rights." —AP

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A PUBLIC FORUM

Dear Friend:

On Saturday, August 10, I will hold a public forum in Colorado Springs in the auditorium at Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade beginning at 10:00 a.m.

I hope you will join me. I want to hear your views, respond to your questions and discuss issues of particular importance to Colorado Springs and the surrounding area.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our public forum.

If you have any questions, please contact one of my offices:

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1748 High Street
Denver, Colorado 80218
303/398-0800

Sincerely,

Gary Hart

Gary Hart
United States Senator

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Little Known Historical Notes

Gertrude Stein, intent on making him admit his closet sexuality, spent an evening talking about homosexuals with Ernest Hemingway. She didn't succeed.

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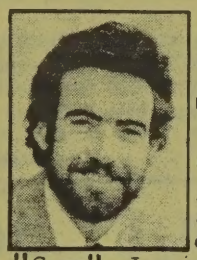
Wilde, after his release from prison, took the pseudonym Sebastian Melmoth from the novel of that name by his uncle, Sheridan LeFanu, creator of the lesbian vampire, Carmilla.

NBC first to explore subject of AIDS

LOS ANGELES — NBC will become the first network to tackle the controversial subject of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) with a telefilm tentatively titled "An Early Frost." The film will explore the emotions of a typical American family trying to cope with the news that their son is dying of AIDS.

"In the tradition of 'Adam' and 'The Burning Bed,' this is an important movie dealing with one of today's most controversial and life-threatening problems," said NBC programming chief Brandon Tartikoff in announcing the film. Though its stars have yet to be signed, production is scheduled to begin this summer. The film is expected to air in the late fall.



TV Tonight

Rick Sherwood

Nationally syndicated columnist

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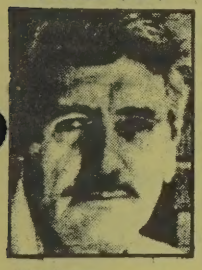
GRLN reports that eleven major religious denominations have recently joined in a letter to members of Congress urging support and cosponsorship of the national gay and lesbian civil rights bill, H.R. 230.

On the playing fields of Eton in Great Britain, underclassmen are still called "fags."

HUDSON HAS AIDS

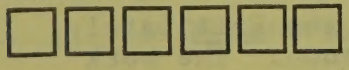
PARIS (AP) — Rock Hudson, a dashing figure on the silver screen for four decades, has AIDS, a usually fatal ailment, his spokeswoman confirmed Thursday.



Hudson

After two days of confusion about the actor's medical condition, spokeswoman Yanou Collart told The Associated Press late Thursday afternoon: "Mr. Hudson has AIDS." She said the disease was diagnosed a year ago.

Asked how the actor acquired the disease, which most frequently strikes homosexuals, intravenous drug users and recipients of blood transfusions, Ms. Collart said: "He doesn't have any idea now how he contracted AIDS ... Nobody around him has AIDS."



It is to be regretted that anyone should come down with AIDS. However, now that a celebrity has the disease just might help our gay brothers who are so afflicted. Additional monies for research are needed!

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

Inasmuch as AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has reached near epidemic proportions, with the government now estimating that as many as one million people in the USA, about 70% of whom are male homosexuals, have been exposed to the virus; that by the end of 1987, if present trends continue, AIDS will have killed more young Americans than died in battle in the Vietnam War; that most of those who contract the disease will die within two years; and that the pace of the epidemic's spread might outrun the fast-moving efforts of science to find a cure;

And inasmuch as AIDS victims suffer not only the near certainty of a pain-filled existence and early death, but as well an imposed isolation from society, with a social ostracism as severe as that faced by leprosy victims in Biblical times;

And inasmuch as the United Methodist Church, through its 1984 General Conference, has affirmed that

> "Homosexual persons no less than heterosexual persons are individuals of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment..."
> Social Principles, ¶ 71.II.F

And inasmuch as the Colorado AIDS Project is among the few ministries to AIDS victims within our state which has proven its compassion and effectiveness, and is a ministry supported by United Methodists;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT First United Methodist Church, consistent with our church's mission of concern, compassion and commitment, does hereby authorize and call for a special offering to be received in support of the Colorado AIDS Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Denver South-Colorado Springs District, and the Rocky Mountain Conference to designate the Colorado AIDS Project as a Conference Advance Project, and authorize one special offering a year to the support of this significant ministry.

Submitted by unanimous vote of
The Administrative Board
First United Methodist Church
Colorado Springs, CO Apr 17, 1985

Approved by unanimous vote of
Denver South-Colorado Springs District
April 28, 1985

AIDS test available at no cost

By Corinne Gibson
Colorado Springs Sun

Free and confidential testing for an antibody to the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome now is available at the El Paso County Health Department.

The test will not indicate whether a person has AIDS, but only whether a person has been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS, according to John Potterat, director of venereal disease control at the health department.

Only 15 to 20 percent of those exposed to the virus will come down with AIDS, he said.

A positive test in a high-risk person indicates past or present infection with the virus, but it is impossible to predict whether a person will develop AIDS or other illnesses associated with the virus, Potterat said.

Homosexual and bisexual men, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs and sexual partners of these groups are at the greatest risk in terms of getting AIDS, Potterat said.

AIDS is not a threat to the general population of Colorado Springs, or even to the rest of the nation, he said.

Life magazine recently did an article on AIDS, indicating the disease was a threat to everyone.

"I think they did a great disservice to the American population," Potterat said.

He said AIDS is primarily a disease of gay men, and to imply that the general population is at risk is "clearly nonsense."

The test was started in order to protect donations of blood and plasma, Potterat said.

Centers in El Paso County test the blood and plasma they receive for the antibody. If the test is positive, the blood or plasma is discarded, according to Potterat.

With the free test being given at the Health Department, people will no longer need to go through a blood or plasma donating center to get their blood tested.

The test is being given at the agency, 510 N. Foote Ave., from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For an appointment, call 578-3147 or 578-3148.

The test is being given at the Pueblo County Health Department, 151 Central Main St., from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 544-8376 for an appointment.

Testing will continue indefinitely, Potterat said. He said a better test may be developed in the future, making this one obsolete.

Eight other test centers have been set up around Colorado.

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Homosexual minister reappointed

DENVER (AP) — The Denver-area bishop of the United Methodist Church has reappointed the Rev. Julian Rush, an acknowledged homosexual, to the staff of a Denver church, despite a longtime controversy over Rush's status.

Denver area Bishop Roy Sano reappointed Rush to the staff of St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Tuesday night, apparently ignoring a ruling last year by the 9.4-million-member denomination barring self-avowed, practicing homosexuals from being ordained or appointed to church jobs.

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Thanks for reading this far. Continue on...

Bar Association narrowly defeats gay rights move

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Bar Association on Tuesday narrowly defeated a measure opposing discriminatory treatment of homosexuals.

By a 161-152 vote, the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates rejected a resolution that would have urged federal, state and local governments "to adopt legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation."

When adopted, such resolutions spark lobbying efforts by the organization representing 350,000 of the nation's 650,000 lawyers.

The vote followed a lengthy and often emotional debate.

"We should not succumb to that ugly urge to ridicule those who are different," Henry Miller of White Plains, N.Y., told fellow delegates.

But Joe Stamper of Antlers, Okla., said "Lawyers should not be advocates of indecency."

Augustine Smythe of Charleston, S.C., said homosexuality "goes against American mores," and should not be endorsed by the ABA.

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BOARD BRIEFS

1) Helpline has been handling around 200 calls per month this summer, an increase over past years.

2) Allan asked about the possibility of a second phone line for the Center. After discussion it was decided to investigate the request further and reopen the question at the next Board meeting.

3) Network has moved its meetings to the Exit for the time being. Is investigating another location also.

4) New all women's group has been formed... "SAFE"(for lesbians). The group will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Next Board Meeting will be a combination potluck and meeting at Joe's.

"EXIT" REMODELING

If you haven't stopped down at the Exit lately, do yourself a favor and do so soon. The work Dan, John and especially Keith have done must be seen to be appreciated. The upstairs bar is truly a work of art(read: craftsmanship). The dance area has an open look during the day due to the use of skylights, and the windows facing the mountains provide a restful view which can lead to leisure conversation.
Thanks Dan, John and Keith for brightening up the "old watering place."

CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS

Here are the groups which meet regularly at present. For referral or more information, please call the Helpline---471-4GAY.

"Can We Talk?" Mondays at 7pm at the Center. For all ages & genders.
"Count Me In" Thursdays at 7:30pm. For women and men 30 and over.
"Parents & Friends of Gays" Second Saturday of each month. Call 634-0776. Ask for Muriel.
"Speakers Bureau" Call Roger at 635-5452.
"Young Men's Support Group" Chuck at 597-6889.
"SAFE"(for Lesbians) All women's group. Meets on Thursdays.

OTHER GROUPS/SERVICES

"Dignity"(Catholic support group)--Thursday evenings, 7pm, room 9 Sacred Heart Parish, 21st Street and Pikes Peak.
Metropolitan Community Church--services Sundays at 5pm, 730 N. Tejon
Network--1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6-9pm, Henri's Restaurant, 2427 W. Colorado.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8pm, basement of All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon.
STD Clinic(Sexually Transmitted Diseases)--510 N. Foote. Nominal fee. Information confidential. Minors examined without parental consent. Phone: 578-3148.
STD Clinic(Pueblo)--151 Central Main Street. Phone: 545-4650 or 544-8376.
National Gay Task Force CrisisLine to report anti-lesbian or gay violence, 1-7pm Mountain time. 1-800-221-7044.

Maranatha MCC--services at 10:30am Sundays at the Center.
Imperial Court of Southern Colorado--monthly meetings at the Exit. Contact Bob Steinborn at 471-7468 for details.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill in the form below and mail it with check or money order to PPGCC, P.O. Box 574, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901.

_____ New _____ Renewal

_____ $ 5.00 Student (16 to 21)
_____ $ 7.50 Individual (21 and up)
_____ $10.00 Household
_____ $ 60.00 Sustaining
_____ $35.00 Institutional
_____ $120.00 Business

Membership runs for one year from the date of joining. Each type of membership includes voting privileges, and the right to hold office. Membership list is confidential.

Name (print as you wish on membership card) _____

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(street or P.O. box number) (city) (state) (zip)

Total enclosed $ _____

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PRE-SALE TICKETS ARE 10^{00} ONE SHOW, OR 15^{00} FOR BOTH SHOWS
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